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Pol-Econ Officer highlighted Mali candidate Mr. Michel Sidibe's strengths as outlined in reftel demarche and urged Portugal to support his candidacy. MFA International Affairs officer Celia Morais welcomed the message and told us that she had been unaware of the upcoming UNAIDS Executive Director vacancy. She said our input would be useful as Portugal studies the candidates. STEPHENSON